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TO: []

INFO: []

FROM: Chief, European Division

SUBJECT: KEYWAY SMABOVE REDLEG
Mikhail Aleksandrovich MURNIKOV—Possible-PNG-Action

ACTION REQUIRED: REFERENCES

REFERENCE A. OCOW-5540, 22 October 1965
B. DIRECTOR 66912
C. DIRECTOR 31859

1. Forwarded under separate cover are copies of SMABOVE's correspondence concerning their proposed PNG action request on MURNIKOV. These attachments also provide details of IDEN 1's debriefings by SMABOVE. SMABOVE considers MURNIKOV an identified KGB officer, responsible for CI matters at the Soviet Embassy. According to information available to us at this time, SMABOVE's recommendation for PNG action will be based on information provided by IDEN 1.

2. Our traces on MURNIKOV include a report that MURNIKOV served in Iraq 1960-62; however, this is not substantiated. All other traces are [] From information available it appears that MURNIKOV is setting IDEN 1 up for recruitment; however, we see no proof of espionage upon which to base PNG action and have indicated this to [] We would welcome MURNIKOV's PNG, but as [] is aware from Reference C, we are concerned about the proposed PNG action lest unfortunate publicity ensue\$.

3. IDEN 1, who is to blame for our reluctance to see the PNG action publicized, has not been in contact with RVROCK since 1963, when he served as a "casual contact" during the period 1962-63. He provided information on Estonian emigre activities

Attachments:

- 1 - SMABOVE correspondence, u.s.c.
- 2 - IDENS, u.s.c.
- 3 - Description of IDEN 6, u.s.c.
- 4 - Memorandum for the Record, h/w

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in the United States. Also, IDEN 1 hosted IDEN 2 during IDEN 2's visit to Washington, but this was mistakenly arranged by IDEN 3 and is not indicative of any relationship. IDEN 1 does know IDEN 2's father-in-law rather well. IDEN 1 is well known to IDEN 3, and IDEN 1 has always tried to be friendly to IDEN 3 until an incident last fall, after IDEN 1 returned from Estonia. IDEN 3 became irritated at IDEN 1 during IDEN 1's briefing of a group of veterans from the Estonian Veterans Organization. Apparently because IDEN 1 was so proud of the red carpet treatment afforded him by senior Estonian officials during IDEN 1's visit to Estonia and also because he knew IDEN 1 could not have paid for the Estonian trip himself, IDEN 3 asked a number of penetrating questions about the trip and a flare-up followed. Afterwards IDEN 1 telephoned a good friend of IDEN 3's and IDEN 1 is alleged to have said, "If IDEN 3 does anything against me, I have ways and means of getting back at him, because I know a great deal." While it is not known what IDEN 1 meant by this threat, [] is aware of the publicity given to IDEN 4 some time ago.

4. IDEN 1's [] shows that he allegedly claimed the work he performed at IDEN 5 was directed by RVROCK. He has also claimed, to SMABOVE, that his 1963 trip to Estonia was financed partially by IDEN 6, which he described as an arm of RVROCK, and, he claimed, in an indirect fashion IDEN 6 took quite an interest in his trip to that country. As stated above, RVROCK has had no contact with IDEN 1 since 1963. IDEN 6, a legitimate business firm, does contract for publications on behalf of [] and []. IDEN 6 paid IDEN 1 for some copies of his magazine in 1968 and since his recent return from Estonia. This could be an indirect tie-in with [] and hence with RVROCK. (Background information on IDEN 6 is being forwarded under separate cover for [] information.)

5. IDEN 1 returned from another trip to Estonia this month. IDEN 1 was employed by IDEN 5 until about three years ago. His only job since then is that of publisher and editor of an Estonian cultural magazine, published about three times a year. Politically he should probably be described as having liberal leftist views.

6. There are additional details on IDEN 1 who, for example, applied for employment with RVROCK ca 1949. He was given a pre-employment SGSWIRL and the results were favorable. He was, however, disapproved for employment for administrative reasons, primarily because of relatives abroad, and on technical grounds because of his poor physical condition (4-F and psychoneurosis). In 1962, one of several descriptions found in IDEN 1's [] file, he was described as a reformed alcoholic, tempermental, and frequently unreliable (does not get things done as promised).

7. Additional details concerning IDEN 1 and his contacts will be provided if it appears that PNG action against MURNIKOV will be taken and if [] requests them. In the meantime, we look forward to learning if [] briefing by SMABOVE on the MURNIKOV PNG action adds any new information. Attachment 4 provides background on our discussions here with SMABOVE. Paragraph eight is of particular significance.

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Attachment #2 to OCOW-7020, 22 August 1969, Under Separate Cover

IDEN 1 - Hellar GRABBI

IDEN 2 - Erick HEINE

IDEN 3 - Juri RAUS

IDEN 4 - The HEINE/RAUS Case

IDEN 5 - The Library of Congress

IDEN 6 - The International Advisory Council (IAC)

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